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NUCLEIC ACID ARRAYS

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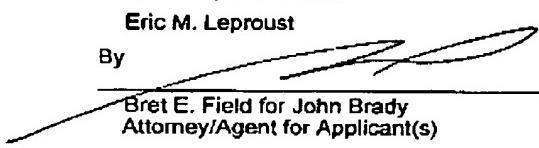
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before August 4, 2006.